(b) Yes, Sir. DET/SDO/JE were aware of the fault and they rectified it after localizing it.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) In all cases where telephones remain faulty for more than 7 days, automatic rent rebate is granted by MTNL, Delhi.

Amendment of Telegraph Act

†1948. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the Telegraph Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Bill to amend the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 4th August, 2003 to establish Universal Service Obligation Fund to meet the Universal Service Obligation (USO). USO is the Government's commitment to provide access to basic telegraph services to people in rural and remote areas at affordable and reasonable prices.

Restructuring of Media Lab Asia

1949. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Media Lab Asia (MLA) is restructured in July, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof including annual budgetary support from Government institutions associated with the project and the details of funding envisages from Non-Governmental Organisations, if any;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.